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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1706 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
BUJUMBURA KINSHASA NAIROBI BRUSSELS BUKAVU MAY 26.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1706

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH AND HUNTER)

SUBJECT: THREE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MEETING WITH NYERERE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1694

1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AT HIS MSASANI RESIDENCE AT
4:00 P.M. TODAY (MAY 26) TO DISCUSS KIDNAPPING OF THE FOUR
STUDENTS FROM GOMBE STREAM. AT PRESIDENT'S REQUEST MIISS
BARBARA SMUTS DID NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER
MALECELA AND TWO OTHER TANZANIAN ADVISORS WERE PRESENT AS WELL
AS MY DCM.

2. PRESIDENT ASKED WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, AND I REVIEWED
SITUATION STRESSING OUR CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE THREE
STUDENTS STILL HELD BY THE KIDNAPPERS AND TANGOV RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN.

3. PRESIDENT SAID THE LETTERS HE HAD RECEIVED MADE DEMANDS
ON TANZANIA. HE HAD RECEIVED THREE LETTERS. ONE LETTER WAS
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SIGNED BY THE STUDENTS AND APPARENTLY IS SAME AS THE ONE THE DUTCH

AMBASSADOR AND I RECEIVED (DAR ES SALAAM 1693). THE SECOND LETTER WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE WE ALSO RECEIVED IN SWAHILI (DAAR ES SALAAM 1699). THE THIRD LETTER WAS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRP) AND CARRIED THE STAMP OF PRP. THIS LAST LETTER DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF PRP MEN DETAINED BY TANGOV AND, AS AN APPARENT AFTER THOUGHT, ALSO ASKED FOR ARMS. THIS LAST LETTER DID NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO A MONEY PAYMENT.

4. NYERERE SAID THE TANGOV COULD NOT MEET THE DEMANDS FOR ARMS, AMMUNITION OR MONEY.

5. NYERERE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DETAIL TWO OTHER DEMANDS BY THE PRP. THE DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF PRP MEN DETAINED BY TANZANIA IS WITHIN THE POWER OF THE TANZANIAN GOVT TO GRANT. TANGOV POLICY ON REFUGEES, HOWEVER, IS DEFINITE AND HE BELIEVES IS CLEAR TO FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE. TANGOV ACCEPTS REFUGEES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF THESE PEOPLE WISH TO COME AND WORK IN TANZANIA IN PEACE, THEY ARE PERMITTED TO DO SO. TANZANIA HAS NOT AND WILL NOT YIELD TO DEMANDS BY NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS OR ANYONE ELSE TO RETURN THESE REFUGEES TO THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT. IN THIS INSTANCE, GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAD REQUESTED THAT TANZANIA RELEASE TO IT PRP MEN IN DETENTION. TANGOV REFUSED TO DO SO. ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER DETAINEES RELEASED, ORDER FOR RELEASE OF PRP DETAINEES WAS ISSUED ON UNION DAY, APRIL 26. RELEASE ORDER WAS NOT IN FACT CARRIED OUT UNTIL ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO. IN RESPECT OF STRONG FEELING OF ZAIRE ON THIS MATTER, HOWEVER, TANGOV DECLARED THESE PRP REFUGEES PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS AND WOULD NOT PERMIT THEM TO REMAIN IN TANZANIA. AGAIN, BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY AND SLOWNESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ORDER IN AREA DISTANT FROM CAPITAL, MANY OF THESE PRP MEN WERE STILL IN KIGOMA AREA. WHEN PRESIDENT RECEIVED LETTERS LAST NIGHT DEMANDING RELEASE OF THESE PRP MEN, HE HAD THEM RE-ARRESTED. PRRPP SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THE RELEASE OF, GABRIEL YMUBU AND SALEH KILENGA. ONE OF THESE MEN, HE WAS TOLD, IS NOW IN TANGOV CUSTODY
Y
AGAIN. THUS IN NYERERE'S VIEW, PRP HAD MISUNDERSTOOD TANGOV POLICY AND HAD MISCALCULATED. HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO PRP CONTROL THOSE REFUGEES FROM THE PRP MOVEMENT WHO DID
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NOT WANT TO RETURN. SIMILARLY, HE WOULD NOT BE TOLD BY PRP WHEN TO RELEASE THEM. THE PRP DEMAND HAD MADE HIS POSITION MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE HE WANTED TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT GOOD GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TANZANIA HAS WITH ZAIRE. NEVERTHELESS, NYERERE ADMITTED UNDER MY QUESTIONING, THAT RELEASE OF PRP DETAINEES IS ONE THING TANZANIA COULD DO TO POSSIBLY ASSIST IN RELEASE OF STUDENTS STILL HELD HOSTAGEE.

6. OTHER DEMAND OR ISSUE NYERERE SAID OF CONCERN TO PRP IS PUBLICITY. PRP IN ONE LETTER TO HIM COMPLAINED THAT TANZANIA, IN COLLUSION WITH ZAIRE, KEPT THE WORRLD PRESS FROM KNOWING ABOUT THE GOALS OF THE PRP MOVEMENT. NYERERE SAID THIS WAS OUT AND OUT RUBBISH BUT PRP BY THIS ACT OF KIDNAPPING THE STUDENTS WOULD INDEED NOW GET PLENTY OF PUBLICITY. TANZANIA INTENDED TO ISSUE THIS EVENING THE DEMANDS MADE ON IT BY THE PRP AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF THOSE DEMANDS.

7 NYERERE STRESSED THAT HE COULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRP. IF HE DID SO, IT WOULD BE A PRECEDENT THAT WOULD HAVE NO END. HE SAID "MY GOVERNMENT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR THAT."

8. I ASKED NYERERE IF HE WOULD PERMIT, IF MY GOVERNMENT SO REQUESTED, CONSUL MACFARLANE OR OTHER AMERICAN OFFICER TO TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME FORM OF CONTACT WITH PRP BAND. NYERERE REPLIED HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. NYERERE COMMENTED HE WOULD EXPECT THAT WE WOULD ALSO OBTAIN, HOWEVER, CONCURRENCE OF GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. SAID WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ZAIRE ON THIS MATTER AND HOPED THEY WERE TOO. WE UNDERSTOOD TANGOV TELEX TO KINSHASA NOT WORKING. NYERERE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT THAT IS CASE. OFFERED US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR USE BY TANGOV. NYERERE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM IS BEING STRAIGHTENED OUT.

9. NYERERE CONCURRED IN MY REQUEST TO RELEASE TO THE PRESS THE LETTER SIGNED BY THE STUDENTS I HAD RECEIVED FROM THE PRP.

10. AT MY REQUEST, NYERERE AGREED TO MEET WITH BARBARA SMUTS. SHE JOINED US FOR TEA AT THE END OF OUR MEETING. NYERERE TOOK MISS SMUTS ASIDE AND REITERATED TO HER TANGOV POSITION
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ON KIDNAPPING AND EXPLAINED TO HER IN DETAIL WHY HE TOOK THE POSITIONS HE DID ON THIS MATTER.

11. I TOLD PRESIDENT I INTENDED TO MEET WITH PRESS LATER THIS EVENING. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS MEETING.
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